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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN CHROME: CERTIFICATION AGREEMENTS

1. AS YOU KNOW, THE UNITED STATES RECENTLY APPROACHED THE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE ITS MAJOR SUPPLIERS OF FERROCHROMIUM AND SPECIALTY STEEL AND INFORMED THEM THAT U.S. LAW NOW PROHIBITS THE IMPORTATION OF FERROCHROMIUM AND STEEL CONTAINING MORE THAN THREE PERCENT CHROME UNLESS THESE IMPORTS ARE SPECIALLY CERTIFIED AS NOT CONTAINING CHROME OF RHODESIAN ORIGIN. TREASURY'S OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL FURNISHED TWO TYPES OF PROPOSED CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES TO THE WASHINGTON EMBASSIES OF THESE COUNTRIES. THE FIRST PROPOSED CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE WOULD BE BASED ON THE EXPORTER COUNTRY IMPOSING A COUNTRY-WIDE BARRIER AGAINST IMPORTS OF MATERIALS WHICH CONTAIN RHODESIAN-ORIGIN CHROME. THE SECOND PROCEDURE WOULD REQUIRE COMPLEX FACTORY CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES IF THE FACTORY IS LOCATED IN A COUNTRY WHICH DOES NOT HAVE A NATIONAL BARRIER TO MATERIALS CONTAINING RHODESIAN CHROME.

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2. WE ANTICIPATE THAT MOST OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE THE MAJOR SUPPLIERS OF FERROCHROMIUM AND SPECIALTY STEEL TO THE UNITED STATES WILL CONCLUDE AGREEMENTS WITH TREASURY ON COUNTRY-WIDE CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES WITHIN

THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CERTIFICATION AGREEMENTS THE COUNTRIES WHICH SHIP SPECIALTY STEEL AND FERROCHROMIUM TO THE U.S. WILL USE ONLY SUPPLIES WHICH ARE SHOWN NOT TO CONTAIN RHODESIAN CHROME. THE SIMPLEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF ACCOMPLISHING THIS WOULD BE TO OBTAIN SUPPLIES FROM ONLY THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE A CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH TREASURY.

ALTHOUGH AUSTRALIA, SWITZERLAND, FINLAND AND THE PHILIPPINES ARE NOT SIGNIFICANT SUPPLIERS OF CHROMIUM MATERIALS TO THE UNITED STATES, THEY DO EXPORT SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS TO OTHER COUNTRIES SUCH AS JAPAN AND THE COMMON

MARKET STATES, WHICH IN TURN EXPORT TO THE UNITED STATES. FOR THIS REASON TREASURY SENT A LETTER ON JUNE 9, 1977 TO THE EMBASSIES OF AUSTRALIA, THE PHILIPPINES AND SWITZERLAND INVITING THEIR COOPERATION IN THIS INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH RHODESIA. TREASURY HAD PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH THE EMBASSIES OF FINLAND AND ARGENTINA.

4. ADDRESSEE EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THEIR HOST GOVERNMENTS AT THE APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVELS AND URGE THAT THEIR EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON BE INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT TREASURY'S OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL TO EXPEDITE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SPECIAL CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT SIMILAR TO THE CERTIFICATION AGREEMENTS NOW BEING NEGOTIATED WITH THE EC, JAPAN, AND OTHER COUNTRIES.

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5. FOR BUENOS AIRES ; ARGENTINA HAS CONTACTED TREASURY AND INDICATED THAT ITS EXPORTS OF SPECIALTY STEEL TO THE UNITED STATES MAY EXCEED ONE MILLION DOLLARS THIS YEAR. ARGENTINA FELT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO AGREE TO

SPECIAL CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES IN ADVANCE IN ORDER TO AVOID POSSIBLE INTERRUPTION OF THE FLOW OF TRADE.

6. DEPARTMENT WILL AIRPOUCHCOPIES OF SUGGESTED NATION-WIDE CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES TO ADDRESSEE POSTS. CHRISTOPHER

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